Rs. 100 crores.

(iv) Power Purchase Argeement has been signed.

(b) On a request made by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance have agreed to accommodate ECB for almost 10,000 MW capacity.

(c) Ministry of Finance intimated that during the current financial year, upto 31.10.1995, ECB approvals aggregating to US $ 106.71 million have been given under the power sector, which are as under:

S. No.	Company	US $ Million
i.	Powergrid Corporation Ltd.	65.035
ii.	Green view Power Projects Ltd.	4.675
iii.	CESC Ltd.	37.000

Regulation on Cable TV Operations

2242. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cable Operators Federation of India has sought a better deal with regard to regulation of Cable TV operations under the newly enacted law;

(b) if so, the precise demands made by them; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the important suggestions made by the Federation are annexed as statement. (*See* below)

(c) The suggestions have been noted.

Statement

Important suggestions made by the Cable Operators Federation of India

(i) All big business houses should be licensed area wise to provide value added services like it has been done in the case of telecom services;

(ii) All small cable operators who were in existence before the last date of registration should be made responsible for final distribution of cable signals to households. They can do it independently or as franchisee of big houses depending upon the area;

(iii) To provide better services, registered cable operators should be given protection by police and other municipal agencies against cable cuttings, theft of signals by unscrupulous subscribers and non paying subscribers;

(iv) The influx of undesirable programmes and advertisements should be monitored by a central agency;

(v) Business houses engaged in print media should not be permitted to enter into this electronic media where they are in a position to manipulate the minds of general public, literate or illiterate;

(vi) Since Cable TV is a broadcast (rebroadcast) service, state governments should not have any control on it.

Rising interest rates

2243. DR. GOPALRAO VITHAL RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain suggestions that rising interest rates in the economy cannot be reduced unless Government's fiscal deficit is scaled down in a phased

manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some remedial measures urgently in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) to (d) Government if fully aware of the fact that increasing fiscal deficit which represents borrowings by the Government, has direct impact on the interest burden. It is, therefore, Government's constant endeavour to keep the fiscal deficit within a sustainable limit, which will not only ensure that the Government's developmental expenditure does not suffer for want of funds and at the same time the interest burden is contained. To achieve the objectives the emphasis is laid on maximising the non-debt receipts and curtailing wasteful and avoidable expenditure.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में हवाई पट्टियों का विस्तारण

2244. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश में हवाई पट्टियों के विस्तारण और निर्माण संबंधी प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) इस दिशा में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है तथा इस संबंध में अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक लिये जाने की संभावना है और क्या मंत्री महोदय, इस राज्य में हवाई पट्टियों की आवश्यकता का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए राज्य का दौरा करेंगे?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) और ख) नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय को हिमाचल प्रदेश में हवाई पट्टियों के विकास की आवश्यकता की जानकारी है। सुविधाओं में सुधार लाने के लिए कुल्लु और गग्गल के लिए हवाई अड्डा विकास की योजनाओं को, राज्य सरकार द्वारा भूमि उपलब्ध कराए जाने की शर्त के आधार पर, अन्तिम रूप दिया गया है। शिमला में, धावनपथ की लम्बाई 300 फुट और बढ़ाई जा रही है।

CBI Investigation in Bank Fraud Case

2245. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2308 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the investigation by CBI has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether collusion of others and bank officials have come to light; if so, their names and action taken against them; and

(d) whether cautionary instructions issued by the bank to all its branches to guard against recurrence of such frauds are being followed carefully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) State Bank of India has reported that no violation of cautionary instructions issued by the bank in respect of draft forms fraudulently obtained by the miscreants from its Circle Stationery Department, Faridabad has come to their notice so far. The bank has further reported that the Circle Authorities have advised all the branches to follow the instructions meticulously.

Repatriation of Royalty by Foreign Companies

2246. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount repatriated as royalty by foreign companies during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) the steps taken to minimise the repatriation of royalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI